

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

DAVID W. WATTS,

Plaintiff,

v.

ORDER

Case No. 23-cv-87-wmc

DET. KEVIN JONES, et al.

Defendants.

On February 6, 2023, I assessed plaintiff David W. Watts an initial partial filing of \$16.96 due by February 28, 2023. Dkt. 5. Now plaintiff has a motion to use his release account funds to pay the \$16.96 initial partial payment. Dkt. 6. Plaintiff's motion is GRANTED.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1), prison officials are required to use a prisoner's release account to satisfy an initial partial payment if no other funds are available. *Carter v. Bennett*, 399 F. Supp. 2d 936, 936-37 (W.D. Wis. 2005). Therefore, if sufficient funds do not exist in plaintiff's regular account to pay the \$16.96 plaintiff has been assessed as initial partial payment for filing this case, he can use his release account to pay the initial partial payment.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that,

1. Plaintiff David W. Watts' motion to use his release account funds to pay the \$16.96 initial partial payment assessed in the above case is GRANTED. If, by March 24, 2023, plaintiff fails to make the initial partial payment or show cause for

failure to do so, plaintiff will be held to have withdrawn this action voluntarily and this case will be closed without prejudice to plaintiff filing the case at a later date.

2. No further action will be taken in this case until the clerk's office receives plaintiff's initial partial payment as directed above and the court has screened the complaint as required by the Prison Litigation Reform Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1915A. Once the screening process is complete, a separate order will issue.

Entered this 3rd day of March, 2023.

BY THE COURT:

/s/
STEPHEN L. CROCKER
Magistrate Judge